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SUBJECT: GATT ART XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS

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1. MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS CALLED SEPT 5 TO REPLY TO AMBASSADOR'S
AUG 30 DEMARCHE ON GATT XXIV:6 TO SECRETARY GENERAL GAJA (ACTING
FOR FONMIN MORO). MINISTRY REPLY IS SPECIFICALLY FROM SECRETARY
GENERAL
AND FROM DIRECTOR GENERAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS GUAZZARONI.

2. OFFICIAL RESPONSE IS THAT MINISTRY FAVORS SPEEDY AND SUCCESSFUL
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CONCLUSION OF ART XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS. RECOGNIZING THAT EC

DECISIONS INVOLVE NINE MEMBER COUNTRIES, MINISTRY WILL DO ALL POSSIBLE TO BRING NEGOTIATIONS TO MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE CONCLUSIONS. WHILE ITALY MAY NOT BE ABLE TO ACCEPT ALL EC CONCESSIONS NOW PROPOSED OR WHICH MAY BE PROPOSED, GOI WILL DO ALL POSSIBLE TO CONTRIBUTE TO FAIR AND EQUITABLE EC PACKAGE.

3. COMMENT. MINISTRY POSITION IS CAREFULLY WORDED. WE EXPECT THAT IT IS INTENDED TO CONVEY THAT ASIDE FROM CITRUS, KRAFT PAPER AND PERHAPS TOBACCO, ITALY IS PREPARED TO ACCEPT COMMISSION PROPOSALS AND TO EXAMINE SYMPATHETICALLY IMPROVEMENTS WHICH DO NOT SERIOUSLY AFFECT ITALIAN INTERESTS. VOLPE

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